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DIARY NOTES

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1. I discussed with [REDACTED] and Larry Houston the propriety of paying for the storage of household goods and automobiles when personnel are transferred laterally in the field. I approved in principle and asked Larry to draft the necessary paper.

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3. [REDACTED] discussed with me the problem of having [REDACTED] incorporated, take over [REDACTED] Apparently [REDACTED] not very enthusiastic about this prospect. However, we did agree to spend \$900 to get two people from [REDACTED] to make a detailed survey of the situation there.

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4. Shef Edwards and Bob Bannerman were in to bring me up to date on the Office of Security, as follows:

a. They have decided to cancel the badging project for the new building. Originally the project was estimated to cost \$315,000; however, it now appears that it will cost more than a million dollars.

b. Shef reported that the WE Division had agreed to have a Security Officer in the field and he is to be based in [REDACTED]

c. Shef recently discovered that the Security man on duty in the Central Processing Branch was not being employed full time and has, therefore, reassigned him to the Office of Security where he will be occupied on a full-time basis. This does inconvenience our travelers, however, in that they have to go to the Office of Security for their briefings. This may be all right, but I think that it should be looked at carefully. I do not want to break up the Central Processing Branch in this manner.

d. [REDACTED] is the Chairman of the new United States Intelligence Board Security Committee and stated that things have been going well and felt that this Committee could accomplish a great deal which nobody else had been doing on behalf of the Intelligence Community heretofore.

e. Bob also reported that the Department of State had finally signed off on the paper to go to Pat Coyne, National Security Council, concerning the in-security of the present diplomatic pouch.

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f. Bob also reported that the Flexowriter had been modified so that we now felt it was safe to go forward with the [REDACTED]. It would, therefore, appear that this might have a real chance of cutting down cable traffic. Bob believed that this system, coupled with the proposal we have made to the National Security Council on pouches, would cut down the time lag between Washington and our Field Stations to a maximum of three or four days, whereas now it is as much as seventeen days in some cases.

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5. Matt Baird was in to bring me up to date on the Office of Training, as follows:

a. He was somewhat disappointed at the outcome of the Project Review Committee with regard to permanent construction at [REDACTED]. (In looking at this, however, I don't think that we have done too badly and doubt that it is reasonable to believe that the PRC would have acted otherwise at this time.)

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b. He reported that he had not been consulted further about [REDACTED], although he knew that a staff study had been conducted in the FE Division. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] and I had agreed that Lyman Kirkpatrick should handle this, I told him that I would raise the matter with Kirk again.

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c. He also reported that the Director had agreed to give the Commencement Address to the Junior Officer Trainees [REDACTED] on 6 August. If I am here I should like to attend.

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d. Matt is somewhat concerned about the [REDACTED] paper which he believed had tremendous training implications. He now has the paper for comment and I told him that I thought he should be perfectly forthright in his criticism not only on this subject but also in connection with what he thought our capabilities or lack thereof added up to.

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6. Larry Houston reported that he had spent most of the day Wednesday on the Hill listening to Mr. Stans, Bureau of the Budget, testify before the Johnson Committee. Apparently the Committee was after him on allegations that after Congress had approved funds the Bureau was not permitting the Agencies, particularly the Department of Defense, to use them. Mr. Stans was quite on the defensive and protested his position to the Congress as somewhat less than was actually the case in practice. I have asked John [REDACTED] to get a transcript of this if he possibly can.

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7. [REDACTED] reported that Senator Jackson is sponsoring a Bill which would appoint a Joint Committee to study and preside over the country's cold war effort. He thinks that this proposal already has a good head of steam.

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8. Dick Bissell telephoned concerning the possible employment of [REDACTED] to replace [REDACTED]. While [REDACTED] does not have all of the procurement and [REDACTED]

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